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NINE VICTIMS OF ATLANTIC FLOODS

HUNDREDS HOMELESS AND PROPERTY DAMAGED IN THREE STATES.

LOSS OVER \$10,000,000

Railway, Telegraph and Telephone Communication Demoralized—Crops Suffer.

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—Serious floods in North Carolina and Virginia Sunday caused nine known deaths, rendered hundreds homeless, damaged property and crops to the extent of \$10,000,000, according to first estimates, and demoralized railway, telegraph and telephone communication. Following the hurricane that struck the South Atlantic Coast Thursday, unprecedented rains have fallen, driving rivers and smaller streams from their banks and imperiling many lives.

The French Broad River has broken from its course near Asheville, flooding factories and homes in the lower part of the city. At Biltmore three persons, Capt. J. C. Lipe, Miss Nellie Lipe and Mrs. Leo Mulholland were drowned when the Lipe house was flooded. The Vanderbilt estate at Biltmore was not damaged. Two persons were drowned at Asheville while trying to get food to flood refugees in the second story of the Glenn Rock Hotel. Many were marooned in their residences along the river and rescue parties for hours fought their way against the rushing current in an effort to reach them.

Swift streams flowed down some of the streets of lower Asheville.

Southern Railway Station was flooded to a depth of 6 feet, as is other buildings in this district.

Throughout Western North Carolina the situation is reported serious.

Two dams at Hendersonville collapsed.

The Southern Railway bridge over the Catawba River at Belmont, N. C., was washed away, carrying ten or twelve workmen into the river. The Seaboard Air Line bridge over the Catawba River at Mount Holly, N. C., collapsed, as did that over the Catawba, on the Salisbury-Asheville line. Many highway bridges also were swept away.

At Mondo, N. C., below Catawba, the West Mondo cotton mill of 5,000 spindles was under water, and the East Mondo mill, across the river, are practically submerged. A cotton warehouse there with 400 bales of cotton has been washed away. The Latauda and Alsapah mills also was under water. The damage to these mills resulted from a water-spout.

Trains Tied Up in Two States. Roanoke, Va., July 16.—Practically all railway traffic in Southwest Virginia and Eastern West Virginia was tied up today by washouts and slides resulting from the heavy rains of the past week. Many bridges have been carried away, telephone and telegraph wires are down, and a heavy crop damage has been reported. So far as known here, there has been no loss of life.

WHETSTONE AND AX FOUND IN TREE 115 YEARS OLD

Sandusky, O., July 15.—A whetstone and ax said to be over 100 years old were found imbedded in the trunk of a tree which is known to be 115 years old by Edward Smith, while cutting the tree down. It is believed the tree once was hollow near the ground and the articles were placed in the hollow for safe keeping, and that the tree grew together around them.

WHALES ARE DRIVEN ASHORE BY SHARKS

Fourteen whales, ranging in length from twenty-five to thirty-five feet, were driven ashore at Pablo Beach, Fla., by a school of large sharks and the receding tide left the leviathans high and dry upon the beach. The native population of the small seaside village proceeded to cut up the whales for the purpose of extracting

the oil. It is estimated that each whale will yield more than \$200.

The rush toward the shore by the whales pursued by the sharks was witnessed by a small crowd of fishermen from boats and on the beach, who spread the news and telephoned to Jacksonville. Immediately many motor cars filled with the curious proceeded to the scene. At first the news was received as a joke until an amateur photographer produced several pictures of the monsters on the beach, some of them still spouting and floundering in their vain attempts to reach the water.

Horses were secured and after the whales were killed by rifles they were dragged beyond the reach of the tide. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

RURAL CREDITS TO PAY SMALL RETURN

RECEIVERSHIP OF KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION SHOWS BAD CONDITION.

Lexington, Ky., July 17.—Twenty cents on the dollar at the highest will be the amount paid to the stockholders of the Kentucky Rural Credits Association, which was Saturday placed in the hands of a receiver, according to the estimates made by Claude Mercer, of Hardinsburg, who filed for the directors of the association the petition on which the receivership was established, and who, with R. A. McDowell, of Louisville, has been appointed attorney for the receiver.

Richard J. Colbert was appointed receiver Saturday by Circuit Judge Kerr.

The application for an appointment of a receiver came after statements severely reflecting upon the condition of the association and its management had been made both in the answer filed to the suit and in a letter written to the board of directors by R. A. McDowell, of Louisville, who was elected on July 5 president of the association to succeed former Governor James B. McCreary, who resigned.

In the amended petition asking for a receiver it was stated that to date \$375,000 had been paid into the treasury of the organization by stockholders, and that all that remains is \$135,000 worth of notes, which cannot be sold under present circumstances, the remainder, or \$240,000, having been used in paying the cost of promotion, operating expenses and salaries. By reason of the Henderson suit, which asks for a receiver, the officials have been unable to sell notes secured by mortgages amounting to \$135,000 to persons who had contracted for them, the suit making it impossible to realize the object and purpose of the association, the lendings of money to stockholders, to be secured by mortgages on real estate.

SEEK LOST VESSEL

Expedition Will Endeavor to Salvage Silver Bars.

New York, July 17.—A deep-sea treasure-hunting expedition financed by wealthy New York men arrived to-day off the Virginia capes. Its first operation will be conducted at the grave of the Ward Line steamship Marida, which went to the bottom four years ago carrying silver bars and other treasure valued at more than \$1,000,000. The Marida was rammed by the United Fruit steamer Farragut and sank fifty-five miles off Cape Charles light.

The expedition includes the steamships Titania, Fearless and P. H. Beckwith—a wrecking vessel, a yacht and a tug. It is under command of George D. Stillson, who raised the submarine F-4 in Honolulu harbor last year.

It was sent out from New York by the Inter-Ocean Submarine Engineering Company. This is a close corporation, stock of which is held by a few men prominent here in financial circles. Its president is Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, U. S. N., retired.

For Sale.

51 acres of farming land for sale. Apply to L. C. BROWN, McHenry, Ky. Special Deputy Banking Commissioner. 4714

Ashland, Ky., has an annual payroll of over \$5,000,000.

MAKING A MAN OF HIM.



—Hodge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

CONGRESS WILL END AUGUST 20

MAJORITY LEADERS REACH AGREEMENT ON DATE OF ADJOURNMENT.

TO REVISE PROGRAMME

Appropriation and Philippine Self-government Bills To Be Brought Up.

Washington, July 15.—Adjournment of Congress not later than August 20 was tentatively agreed upon by the Senate Democrats in caucus to-night to revise their legislative programme with a view to bringing the session to an early close.

A resolution unanimously adopted would be the aim of the Steering Committee to prepare a programme and to include in it as most urgent and demanding first consideration the following measures:

Appropriation bills, Government shipping, revenue, workmen's compensation, corrupt practices, Philippine self-government, Civil War and Spanish War pension bills and a bill to enlarge the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Possible Postponement.

The conference directed that in the event that the pending child labor and immigration bills cannot, in the judgment of the Steering Committee, be disposed of in time for adjournment by August 20, an agreement should be entered into, if possible, whereby consideration and a vote on these measures would be assured next December.

August 20 will fall on Sunday, but Democratic Senators said that it would be the aim of the Steering Committee to arrange a programme for adjournment by Saturday, August 19.

NOTICE.

The Fiscal Court of Ohio county will receive sealed bids for one 10-ton Road Roller and one road Sprinkler, at County Court Clerk's office in court house, Hartford, Ky., until 10 o'clock a. m., August 9, 1916. A certified check for \$150 must accompany each bid.

This 11th day of July, 1916. T. H. BENTON, 313 County Road Engineer.

For Sale.—One Jersey cow 6 years old giving about 4 gallons of milk and over a pound of butter a day. For particulars call on JAMES W. BEAR, Hartford, Ky. 5114

Akron, O., compels autoists to dim headlights.

ALARMED AT THE LOW BIRTH RATE

ENGLAND WORRIES BECAUSE AVERAGE DROPS TO 19.5 SINCE WAR STARTED.

FIGHT INFANT DEATHS

Germans Display Science in Saving Children By Lowering The Empire's Death Rate.

London, July 14.—Great Britain has reached the lowest birth rate level in civil registration history and England is worried about the baby crop shortage. Official figures, available today, show that the last three months of 1915 produced the unprecedented low average of 19.5 births per 1,000 of population.

Since the beginning of the war the birth rate has steadily declined while infant mortality has alarmingly risen. The average birth rate for 1915—23.8 per 1,000—was the lowest on record. During the first quarter of 1915 it dropped to 22.9. During 1915, 110 infants died out of every 1,000 births, the statistics show.

With war killing the population, Great Britain is beginning to worry about the future of the race. Various unofficial societies interested in correction of the declining birth and infant mortality evils are being quickened to their tasks by medical experts who sound the warning that Britain's very existence is at stake.

Big Campaign Launched.

Much effort has been put forth during the last year to correct existing conditions—principally ignorance—which has been responsible for the deaths of thousands of infants under 1 year old. A strenuous campaign has been launched. The falling birth rate, medical experts urge, must be immediately dealt with. One of these men well known in medical circles urges the nation to forget racial animosity enough to emulate Germany in the matter of additional population.

He points out that Germany's population, which was 41,058,792 immediately after the Franco-Prussian war, rose to 42,727,360 four years later; the population of France, Germany's enemy in this struggle, remained stationary. He adds:

"One can only interpret these German figures in one way. Our enemies foresaw the danger and took measures to prevent it; France did not. The world at this hour is having an object lesson in the meaning of birth statistics."

Germans Fight Infant Deaths. "The German total was not only swelled by births. It was swelled also

by the prevention of infant death, which is one of the greatest works standing to the credit of a scientific people.

"A nation which had set out to conquer the whole world could not afford to have city slums. If our slums endure much longer we shall pay the price in our national strength."

"If the empire is to be kept together infant life must be preserved. As a people Britain must set her house in order, lest in the days to come we find it tenantless and so become a prey to foes who have shown a wiser foresight and a truer appreciation of values than ourselves. No sane man, knowing the fact, can doubt that our whole national future is in jeopardy."

23-TON YACHT MAKES 100,000 MILE VOYAGE

LITTLE ENGLISH VESSEL HAS MANY ADVENTURES IN TWO-YEAR CRUISE.

London, July 17.—The little twenty-three-ton yacht Mana has arrived in an English port after a voyage of a hundred thousand miles. Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Scoresby Routledge, the vessel left England over two years ago on a scientific mission to Easter Island, in the South Pacific.

The last stage of the little vessel's voyage was from San Francisco, which she left five months ago. Altogether there were eleven persons on board, including two men from Pitcairn Island. Mr. Routledge had some interesting details of the voyage.

"After leaving San Francisco," he said, "we came down the Mexican coast. Two hundred miles from land we came upon three islands marked as uninhabited, and I decided to land to try and get some meat. But our landing was delayed, as the mouth of the cove was occupied by two whales, who were feeding and who refused to move until the following day. On landing we found a rough shanty, together with a derelict boat, and along-side a rough cross, evidently marking a grave. In a rift in a cliff we found a sort of cave strewn with old bottles and odds and ends of a camp. Near by was a piece of wood bearing the name Annie Larsen, which I learned from a shipwrecked sailor who was on the yacht was the name of a vessel engaged in blockade running or contraband. There is no doubt that the remote island had been a dumping ground for Mexican revolutionists."

"There were so many turtles that we got tired of feeding on them. It was curious to see these creatures being regarded by the birds as a kind of floating island and to see gulls preening themselves on the turtles' backs."

"The Mana visited one small island in the Gulf of Panama where elephantiasis was rampant among the people. The currents in this region were very difficult, and there was one sailing ship that had been drifting in circles for thirteen months and had been unable to get out. The Panama canal was closed to traffic, but the American Government kindly allowed the Mana, as the vessel of a scientific expedition, to go through."

"Some fifty miles from Jamaica we saw what appeared at first to be a burning ship and afterward looked like smoke from a naval action. We found it to be a submarine volcano blowing off. The sea flow had been broken, and we saw mounds breaking in places where the chart showed no land. Under the circumstances no investigation was possible."

NEARLY 150 PERSONS IN ONE FAMILY IN KENTUCKY

Berea, Ky., July 15.—Berea college, which annually trains about sixteen hundred young people of the southern mountain section, boasts of doing its work among the most prolific people within the borders of the country.

In support of this assertion, Mrs. James Barrett, a mountain neighbor of Berea college, has furnished the authorities with data relative to her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Davidson. This couple are now enjoying good health in their seventies and have immediate descendants to the number of almost 150.

OHIO COUNTY IS ANXIOUS TO POOL

SAYS THE PRESIDENT OF CO-OPERATIVE TOBACCO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Call For Organizers Coming From Every County in District, Says R. H. Ford.

Great activity is being displayed in the matter of pooling the 1916 crop of tobacco, in view of the fact that every portion of the Green River district is calling for organizers for the Co-operative Tobacco Growers' Association. This information was divulged by President R. H. Ford, of the association, in a statement Saturday. He is now unable to supply the demands for speakers, so numerous have they become.

"It is apparent," said Mr. Ford, "that there is going to be a large crop of tobacco raised in the district this season. With but a scant 24,000,000 pounds marketed last year, the price of the weed held down to barely a living price. This was true of a large portion of the weed sold over the Owensboro markets, but of the remainder not so much can be said. It is certain that there were a very great many growers last year who did not break even on their crops."

"Ohio county, which has held off longer than any other section of the district," said the president of the big association, "has now begun to clamor for admittance into the association. It is realized that the association is the most practical way of getting the best price out of the tobacco. We can point back to former years when our tobacco was pooled, and show without fear whatever of contradiction, that there was a great deal more money among the tobacco growers than there has been in the last two years."

McLean county growers are fast getting into line and associating themselves with the big tobacco organization, according to the same authority. He has had demands from almost every section of that fine tobacco county, for speakers and organizers. There is a strong determination among the growers to get the most for their crop this year. If organization can accomplish this, it is proposed to effect the strongest organization possible.

"Hancock will pool the largest lot of tobacco ever gotten together in her history," said Mr. Ford. "Hancock was ready for the organization. Those people have seen the fruits of organization, and are thoroughly imbued with the idea that in union there is strength. There is little need of missionary work in the neighboring county on the east."

"In our own county here, it is certain that in both east and west ends an almost unanimous sentiment exists among the tobacco growers to go back to the pooling system of marketing the tobacco. From every source of information it is indicated that there is little tobacco in the markets. There is in truth very little surplus, and the growing crop should bring the highest price in the history of the county."

"Good prices can be obtained only by an organization of the producers as against the organization of the buyers, who it is well known, have set the price on our tobacco for many years, and we were obliged to take what was offered or not sell the tobacco. The outlook for an organization of tobacco growers is the brightest in the last five years. There is no discord among the growers and there is but one organization into which they may go. This is essentially a farmer's organization, and has for its purpose only the matter of obtaining the best price possible for the product of the farm." —Owensboro Messenger.

Loans wanted in Muhlenberg, McLean, Daviess, Webster, Butler and Ohio counties on good first-class real estate for 5 years.

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